

BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011
RANDOLPH TOWN HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM B

Board Members Present: Linda Nissl, Frank Reed, Barbara Angell, Sheila Jacobs, Richard Burstein, Joyce Mazzucco, Polly Frankenburg, Ruth Lutz, John Jackson, Jon Kaplan and Larry Richburg

Others Present: George Rich and Patrick French

The meeting was called to order at 6:51 p.m. by Chair Richard Burstein when a quorum was present. The first item of business was to hear the abatement request of George Rich, property located at 29 North Main Street, parcel #234010.010. Mr. Rich's abatement request letter, dated February 28, 2011, was labeled as "Exhibit 1", and a copy of Mr. Rich's FY 2011 property tax bill was labeled as "Exhibit 2". The property under consideration for abatement sustained substantial damage due to a fire that occurred on June 17, 2010. Town Clerk Joyce Mazzucco administered the following oath to Mr. Rich and Mr. French: "Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that the evidence you shall give relative to the cause now under consideration shall be the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God? (or, under the pains and penalties of perjury)."

A discussion followed, with the following individuals participating in the discussion: George Rich, Richard Burstein, Patrick French, Joyce Mazzucco, Barbara Angell, and Larry Richburg. Mr. French, Town Assessor, had prepared a Memo outlining the Listers' recommendation regarding this abatement request and a copy of that memo, labeled "Exhibit 3, was given to all board members. Mr. French and Lister Don Sweetser made a site visit on March 23, 2011. The recommendation was to abate \$2,460.08 in taxes. There was further discussion regarding tax credits and grants. John Jackson made a motion to accept Mr. French's recommendation to abate \$2,460.08 in taxes. Larry Richburg amended the motion to include a proportional abatement of interest charges. Ruth Lutz seconded the motion. There was further discussion, with Barbara Angell, Patrick French and Sheila Jacobs participating.

Mr. Burstein restated the motion to abate \$2,460.08 in taxes and a proportional amount in interest. A voice vote was taken and the motion to abate carried by majority vote, with one abstention (Richard Burstein). Ms. Mazzucco told Mr. Rich that a written decision would be sent to him, along with an adjusted bill.

There was no further business to consider. Mr. Richburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaplan. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Attest: _____, Town Clerk
Joyce L. Mazzucco